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**PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF US ROUTE 1 BYPASS BRIDGES**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces a Public Informational Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2006 in Portsmouth to discuss the replacement of several bridges along the US Route 1 Bypass and associated road reconstruction work.

The bridges to be replaced include: Maplewood Avenue over the Route 1 Bypass, Stark Street over the Bypass, Woodbury Avenue over the Bypass, the Bypass Bridge over Hodgson Brook, B & M Railroad over the Bypass, Islington Street over the Bypass, Middle Street (NH Route 33) over the Bypass, and the US Route 1 southbound (to be removed and replaced with a signalized intersection) over the Bypass.

The road reconstruction work would include the US Route 1 Bypass from the Sara Long Bridge southerly to the US Route 1/Greenleaf Woods intersection including the Portsmouth Traffic Circle, ramps to the Bypass, roadways on the bridges over and intersecting the Bypass, and a new connection from the Bypass to Market Street.

The purpose of this meeting is to present citizens and public officials with information regarding the proposed project, and to solicit public input in order to ensure that project decisions meet public transportation needs, community goals, and protect and enhance the environment.

The October 3 public meeting will be held at the Portsmouth City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1 Jenkins Avenue, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm, with plans available for viewing at 6:00 pm.